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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 2847-55882	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. PCT/US00/24787	International filing date (day/month/year) 08 September 2000 (08.09.2000)	Priority date (day/month/year) 08 September 1999 (08.09.1999)	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(7): C12P 21/06, 9/16, 9/48 and US Cl.: 435/69 1, 212, 196			
Applicant			
UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT			

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 26 March 2001 (26.03.2001)	Date of completion of this report 12 December 2001 (12.12.2001)
Name and mailing address of the IPEA/US Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box PCT Washington, D.C. 20231 Facsimile No. (703)305-3230	<p>Authorized officer <i>Debra W. Ramirez</i> Telephone No. (703) 308-0196</p>

I. Basis of the report**1. With regard to the elements of the international application:***

the international application as originally filed.

the description:
pages 1-55 as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

the claims:
pages 56-62, as originally filed
pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

the drawings:
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the sequence listing part of the description:
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pages NONE, filed with the demand
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

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4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages NONE

the claims, Nos. NONE

the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-8, 15-21, 24-28, 32-33</u>	YES
	Claims <u>9-14, 22-23, 29-31</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-33</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-33</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-8 and 24-27 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Gugi et al. Gugi et al. teach a method of producing recombinant acid phosphatase by culturing *P. fluorescens* transformed with a plasmid encoding a heterologous enzyme at 30 degrees, a temperature which inactivates the *P. fluorescens* phosphatase and is an optimal growth temperature for the bacterium. Gugi et al. do not teach isolating the expressed heterologous enzyme or expressing other proteins. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to recombinantly express proteins in *P. fluorescens* for the benefit of heterologously producing proteins at an optimal growth temperature. One of ordinary skill in the art would have a reasonable expectation of success at doing this as the teachings of Gugi et al. show the heterologous expression of phosphatases at 30 degrees. Therefore the invention would have been *prima facie* obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention.

Claims 9-14, 22, 23, and 29-31 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Ihns et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,861,366). U.S. Patent No. 5,861,366 teaches a method for removing a protein from surfaces containing protein by treatment with proteases, denaturing the protease by heating to 60 degrees and removing the protease with detergent.

Claims 15-21 and 28-33 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Rojo et al. Rojo et al. teach an RNase that is inactivated by heating at 60 degrees. Rojo et al. do not teach a method of degrading RNA with said RNases and inactivating by heating. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to remove RNA from a sample by treating with an RNase as taught by Rojo et al. and heat inactivating the RNase. One of ordinary skill in the art is motivated to do this as methods of removing RNA by treating with RNase and heat inactivating the RNase are well known in the art. Therefore, the invention as a whole would have been *prima facie* obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US[REDACTED]787

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

Claims 28-33 are objected to under PCT Rule 66.2(a)(iii) as containing the following defect(s) in the form or contents thereof:
claims 28-33 do not refer to multiple claims in the alternative.

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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 13 July 2001 (13.07.01)	To: Commissioner US Department of Commerce United States Patent and Trademark Office, PCT 2011 South Clark Place Room CP2/5C24 Arlington, VA 22202 ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE in its capacity as elected Office
International application No. PCT/US00/24787	Applicant's or agent's file reference 2847-55882
International filing date (day/month/year) 08 September 2000 (08.09.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 08 September 1999 (08.09.99)
Applicant NANO, Francis, E.	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

26 March 2001 (26.03.01)

in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election was

was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35	Authorized officer H. Zhou Telephone No.: (41-22) 338.83.38
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From the
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

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To
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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Rule 71.1)

		Date of Mailing (day/month/year)	02 JAN 2002
Applicant's or agent's file reference		IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION	
2847-55882			
International application No.	International filing date (day/month/year)	Priority date (day/month/year)	
PCT/US00/24787	08 September 2000 (08.09.2000)	08 September 1999 (08.09.1999)	
Applicant			
UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT			

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

4. REMINDER

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices)(Article 39(1))(see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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Form PCT/IPEA/416 (July 1992)

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International Application No.

PCT/US00/

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International Application No.
PCT/US00/00000

V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. STATEMENT

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Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u> YES
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International Application No.

PCT/US00/24787

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From the
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

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WRITTEN OPINION

(PCT Rule 66)

Date of Mailing
(day/month/year) 06 AUG 2001

Applicant's or agent's file reference

2847-55882

REPLY DUE

within TWO months
from the above date of mailing

International application No.

PCT/US00/284787

International filing date (day/month/year)

08 SEPTEMBER 2000

Priority date (day/month/year)

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Applicant

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA INNOVATION & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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DRAWER

ANN. SVE

1. This written opinion is the first (first, etc.) drawn by this International Preliminary Examining Authority.

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3. The applicant is hereby invited to reply to this opinion.

When? See the time limit indicated above. The applicant may, before the expiration of that time limit, request this Authority to grant an extension, see Rule 66.6(4).

How? By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.5. For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.8 and 66.9.

Also For an additional opportunity to submit amendments, see Rule 66.4. For the examiner's obligation to consider amendments and/or arguments, see Rule 66.4 bis. For an informal communication with the examiner, see Rule 66.6.

If no reply is filed, the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.

4. The final date by which the international preliminary examination report must be established according to Rule 69.2 is, 08 JANUARY 2002

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Authorized Officer
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WRITTEN OPINION

Final application No.
PCT/US00/49597

Supplemental Box
(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of: Boxes I - VIII

TIME LIMIT:

The time limit set for response to a Written Opinion may not be extended. 37 CFR 1.494(d). Any received after the expiration of the time limit set in the Written Opinion will not be considered in preparing the Preliminary Examination Report.

V. 2. REASONED STATEMENTS - CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS (Continued):

— NEW CITATIONS —

NONE

V. Reasoned statement under Rule 62.2(a)(6) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability, citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. statement

Novelty (N) Claims 1-4,15-19,29-30,53 YES

Claims 9-14, 22,25-28,51 NO

Inventive Step (IS) Claims NONE YES

Claims 1-55 NO

Industrial Applicability (IA) Claims 1-55 YES

Claims NONE NO

2. citations and explanations

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(Continued on Supplemental Sheet.)

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
 THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
 OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

Date of Mailing (day/month/year)	26 JAN 2001
Applicant's or agent's file reference 8847-55888	FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below
International application No. PCT/US00/24787	International filing date (day/month/year) 08 SEPTEMBER 2000
Applicant UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA INNOVATION & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	

1. The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the international application (see Rule 46);

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO

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 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland
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For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. The applicant is hereby notified that no international search report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.8, the applicant is notified that:

- the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.
- no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

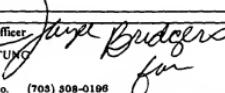
4. Further action(s): The applicant is reminded of the following:

Shortly after 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in rules 90 bis 1 and 90 bis 5, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within 19 months from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).

Within 20 months from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 8647-65688	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/810) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
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1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

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the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

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as suggested by the applicant.

because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

because this figure better characterizes the invention.

None of the figures.

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US00/24787

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) :C10P 21/06; C12N 9/16, 9/46
US CL :435/69.1, 919, 106

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 435/69.1, 919, 106

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

WEST, MEDLINE, CAPLUS, BIOSIS, EMBASE

search terms: frans nano, psychrotrophic, protease, nuclease, temperature sensitive, heat inactivation

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	GUGI, B. et al. Effect of Growth Temperature on Several Exported Enzyme Activities in the Psychrotrophic Bacterium <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> . <i>J. Bacteriol.</i> June 1991, Vol. 173, No. 12, pages 3814-3820, see entire document.	1-8, 24-27
Y	US 5,861,366 A (IHNS et al.) 19 January 1999, col. 11, lines 6-28	9-14, 22, 23, 29-31
Y	ROJO, M. et al. Cusativin, a new cytidine-specific ribonuclease accumulated in seeds of <i>Cucumis sativus</i> L. <i>Planta</i> . 1994, Vol. 194, pages 328-338, see entire document.	15-21, 28-33

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